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19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
20 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

21 Cung Le, Nathan Quarry, Jon Fitch, Brandon
22 Vera, Luis Javier Vazquez, and Kyle
Kingsbury on behalf of themselves and all
23 others similarly situated,

24 Plaintiffs,

25 v.

26 Zuffa, LLC, d/b/a Ultimate Fighting
Championship and UFC,

27 Defendant.
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Case No.: 2:15-cv-01045-RFB-(PAL)

**DECLARATION OF JOHN F. COVE, JR.
IN SUPPORT OF ZUFFA, LLC'S
MOTION TO SEAL**

1 I, John F. Cove, Jr., declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before the courts in the states of California
3 and New York and am admitted Pro Hac Vice to practice before this Court. I am a Partner in the
4 law firm Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, counsel to Defendant Zuffa, LLC (“Zuffa”) in this case.

5 2. I make this declaration in support of Zuffa’s Motion to Seal Exhibits to the Joint
6 Status Report. Based on my review of the files and records in this case, I have firsthand
7 knowledge of the contents of this declaration and could testify thereto.

8 3. Zuffa seeks to file under seal three exhibits identified as Exhibits G, H and I to the
9 Joint Status Report. This declaration is submitted to provide the factual and legal support for the
10 filing of this material.

11 4. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) provides that the Court may “issue an order
12 to protect a party of person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression or undue burden or
13 expense” by “requiring that a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or
14 commercial information not be revealed or be revealed only in a specific way.”

15 5. **Exhibit G** contains specific financial terms and incentives offered during a
16 contract negotiation.

17 6. **Exhibit H** contains specific financial terms and incentives discussed during a
18 contract negotiation.

19 7. **Exhibit I** contains Zuffa’s confidential financial information and reflects Zuffa’s
20 internal business strategies and analyses.

21 8. It is my understanding that Zuffa treats the financial terms and incentives offered
22 during contract negotiations as confidential. Zuffa also considers its internal decision-making
23 processes and business assessments confidential. Disclosure of this information could expose
24 Zuffa’s confidential financial information and approach to internal decision-making strategies and
25 negotiations and would provide competitors with an unfair insight into Zuffa’s business practices.

26 9. Exhibits G and H have also been designated as confidential under the Protective
27 Order by the third party that produced them.
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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
2 foregoing facts are true and correct. Executed this 19th day of February, 2016, in Oakland,
3 California.

4 /s/ John F. Cove, Jr.

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